

## About the MCSW:

The Massachusetts Commission on the Status of Women is an independent state agency that was established in 1998.

The purpose of the Commission is to advance women toward full equality in all areas of life and to promote the rights and opportunities for all women. The Commission exists to provide a permanent, effective voice for women across Massachusetts.

The Commission is overseen by a board of 19 Commissioners drawn from diverse racial, ethnic, religious, age, sexual orientation and socioeconomic backgrounds from throughout the Commonwealth.

## The Commission is Empowered to:

- Provide referrals and serve as a resource of information on issues pertaining to women
- Promote and facilitate collaboration among various women's organizations
- Inform leaders of business, education, health care, state and local governments and the media of issues pertaining to women
- Advise executive and legislative bodies on the effect of proposed legislation on women
- Serve as a liaison between government and private interest groups concerned with issues affecting women.

## To Request a Speaker:

You may submit an electronic request via our Web site or mail your written request to the address below.

Please include the date, time and location of your event, the number of people expected, and the topic or issue you would like to have discussed.

Speakers are free of charge. However, tax-deductible donations to the MCSW are always welcomed to help subsidize MCSW's operating and special project expenses.



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## ***SPEAKERS BUREAU***



*“Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful  
committed citizens can change the world.  
Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has.”*

*-Margaret Mead*

## Did You Know?

- No member of the Massachusetts' congressional delegation is a woman, and just a quarter of state legislators are.
- Women in Massachusetts earn just 75.4% of what men earn.
- The poverty rate for working women is higher than the poverty rate for working men.
- Mortality rates of Massachusetts' women from breast cancer and lung cancer are among the highest in the nation. The incidence rate of AIDS in Massachusetts' women is also among the highest in the nation.
- Young women enroll in college in greater numbers than young men.

## About the Speakers Bureau

The MCSW Speakers Bureau lends the services of our Commissioners and staff to speak about these and other issues that impact women throughout Massachusetts.

Through this service, the Commission hopes to support the women of Massachusetts, raise awareness of women's issues, educate women about the resources of the Commission, and strive for positive change for women in the Commonwealth.

## Potential Topics:

- **The Status of Women In MA**
- **Societal Issues**
  - Public Health and Safety
  - Homelessness
  - Violence Against Women
  - Governmental Participation
  - Legislative Initiatives
- **Education**
  - Women Returning to School
  - Mentoring
- **Employment**
  - Pay Equity
  - Labor Issues
  - Job Training
  - Women in Business
  - Economic Empowerment
- **Families**
  - Teen Pregnancy
  - Daycare/Childcare
  - Family Leave
- **Health**
  - Reproductive Health
  - Health Care
  - HIV/AIDS
  - Breast Cancer Awareness
  - Nutrition
- **Diversity and Minority Issues**

## Commissioners/Speakers:

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